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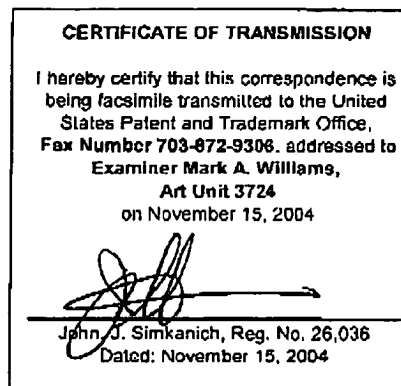
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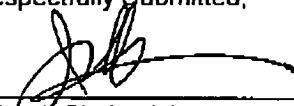
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Sir:

In response to a first, non-final, Office Action dated August 27, 2004, to which a response is due by November 27, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as recited below.

Discussion of the invention:

Applicant has invented a detented and dampened hinge mechanism (11) which includes a first fixed arm (13) and a second movable arm (15) pivotally connected to the first arm (13) to move relative thereto in a scissor fashion between a closed and open positions. A cam (51) and cam follower track (49) establish a detent-type hold at both closed and open positions and add a radial motion component (i.e., a motion outward from the pivot point thereby being a radial motion). This radial motion is expressly recited in the specification and shown in comparing Figs. 1 and 3 and in comparing Figs. 27, 28. A damper assembly (25, 27) limits the relative movement of the arms. A biasing spring (53) is utilized to bias the first and second arms toward